

## GERMANS AT CHARLEROI MET BY ENGLISH FORCES

Beginning of Great Battle Described by Paris Correspondent of London Daily.

### OUTPOSTS IN AN ENGAGEMENT

Kaiser's Men, Preceded by Swarms of Scouts in All Directions, on March Over Five Different Routes Toward France.

LONDON, August 25 (2:10 A. M.)—The Daily Telegraph's Paris correspondent, telegraphing on Sunday, sends a letter dated 5 o'clock on Saturday afternoon in Jeumont, Department of Nord, France, which says:

"Charleroi last night for Jeumont on the French frontier, and made a moment too soon. This morning the engineers of the Northern railway line witnessed an attack on Charleroi."

"Germans from the outskirts of the upper town were sending smoke on the railway station, and on the adjacent part of the lower town. They were trying to force a passage across the river Meuse. Fugitives from all sides arrived here by the last trains."

"After 2 o'clock this afternoon guns were distinctly heard first from the direction of Charleroi and then Thionville. The Germans were being met by the English. This is the beginning of the fight which has been expected."

The same writer, a quarter past Friday, says:

"The Germans are advancing over a line of nearly 100 miles, spreading out in a formidable fan-like movement, preceded by swarms of scouts in all directions, which sweep the country from Brussels to Arlon, fifteen miles northeast of Luxembourg. The German forces are on the march over five different routes toward France. They will find men to meet them. Our troops, in conformity with the plan laid down, are harassing them on the right and left banks of the Meuse, keeping in constant contact and killing as many members of the scouting parties as possible."

"I witnessed Friday a series of engagements outside Charleroi. I saw outposts everywhere. I saw now and then troops coming back bringing prisoners. Our cavalry was in splendid form and eager for action."

"At 2 o'clock this afternoon, guns were heard in the North. The Germans coming from Eschwege had placed heavy batteries of siege guns in position before Namur. The Namur forts immediately sent in such a murderous fire it is very thin that in less than half an hour a German battery was silenced, and half its guns demolished."

"Another line of attack chosen by the Germans was between Braine, U. Alençon and Genappe, southeast of Brussels, over a front twelve miles long. The German batteries here met the same fate."

"To men who have just come here from Namur say that at 7 o'clock this morning they started on foot for Givet and when half way to Charleroi, saw a hamlet on fire. Suddenly a battery of four guns opened on a wood, and in an instant swarms of German infantry fled from the wood in disorder. Right and left the ride fire shot them down. At one place, they came out four abreast, and the entire column was swept down."

### THROWN FROM BUGGY AND BADLY INJURED

B. F. Vaughan, of Bumpass, Va., was brought to Memorial Hospital last night to be operated on for injuries sustained during the afternoon, when he was thrown over the dashboard of his buggy. He is said to have been driving a spirited horse and to have been proceeding at a rapid rate when the horse suddenly stopped. The momentum carried him over the horse's back. He was internally injured, and was operated on at the hospital upon his arrival there. He was reported as being in a serious condition early this morning.

**MASS IN MEMORY OF POPE.**  
WASHINGTON, August 24.—Archbishop Sheehan, papal delegate, celebrated a high requiem Mass to-day in memory of Pope Pius X. Members of the diplomatic corps and others prominent in the official life of the capital were present.

### OBITUARY

**Funeral of Mrs. Jones.**  
The funeral of Mrs. Catey Keese Jones, widow of William L. Jones, 68, died Aug. 12, was held yesterday in the home of her son Charles L. Jones, who will take place from the residence this afternoon at 1 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. W. Wilson, pastor of Grace Street Baptist Church, and interment will be made in Hollywood Cemetery.

Mrs. Jones was seventy-seven years old. She leaves two sons, Charles and Lawrence Jones, and two daughters, Mrs. Charles L. Winston and Mrs. Eugene H. Hubbell, of Orange County. The following served as pallbearers: Arthur E. Clarke, G. W. Turpin, S. Turpin, Mason, Harris, Jr., W. K. Jones, William H. Campbell, G. Carter Jackson and R. Mee, Burlington.

### John P. Watt

**President to the Times-Dispatch.**  
LYNCHBURG, Va., Aug. 24.—John P. Watt, who for years was identified with the retail merchant trade of Lynchburg, died at his home here on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. He was a native of Richmond, but spent most of his life in Lynchburg. His wife, who was Miss Katherine Clegg of Baltimore, survives him, together with their daughter, Mrs. H. Hickey, of this city. Mr. Watt was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church.

### DEATHS

**Atkinson**—died at her residence, 1504 Franklin Court, on Aug. 24, at 5:30 P. M. MARY ANN ATKINSON, widow of P. H. Atkinson.

**Funeral from the residence, TUESDAY AFTERNOON, Aug. 25, at 3 o'clock, at the First Emanuel Cemetery, Roanoke County.** Friends of the family invited to attend.

**SEAL**—died at his mother's residence, 3609 Gilham Street, Clinton, Aug. 24, at 7:30 A. M. BERNARD SEAL.

**Funeral notice later.**

**JONES**—Entered into rest at the home of her son, Charles L. Jones, 1515 Floyd Avenue, Aug. 23, 1914. MRS. ALICE RUSSELL JONES, widow of William Russell Jones, aged seventy-seven years.

**Funeral from above residence THIS TUESDAY AFTERNOON at 1 o'clock.**

**HENLEY**—Died, Aug. 23, 1914, at the residence of his son, 23 South Beach Street, JOHN F. HENLEY, of Henrico County, in his sixtieth year.

**Funeral from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, TO-DAY at 4:30 P. M. Interment Riverview Cemetery.**

**NORRELL**—Died in Augusta, Ga., Aug. 22, 1914, MRS. H. C. NORRELL.

He is survived by his wife, who was Margaret Graeme, of this city, two children, Richard Norrell and Mrs. Helen Norrell.

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## KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH ARMIES IN FIELD



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## PLANS FOR BUILDING UP U. S. MERCHANT MARINE

Administration Bill for Incorporation of \$10,000,000 Company, Introduced in House.

### PRESIDENT BEHIND MEASURE

No His Desire to Compete With Private Capital, but Necessary to Government to Step in During This Crisis.

**WASHINGTON**, August 24.—Plans for building up a permanent American merchant marine by the purchase of foreign ships to be operated by the government went forward to-day in Congress, and the White House.

In the House, Representative Alexander introduced the administration bill for the incorporation of a \$10,000,000 company to own and operate ocean steamers under supervision of a shipping board, composed of the President, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Postmaster-General and the Secretary of Commerce. The government would subscribe for not less than 51 per cent of the capital stock by the appropriation. Ships would be bought for the sale of \$10,000,000 Panama Canal bonds.

President Wilson denied reports which he said were started in "Interest quarters" that he was going to drop the plan to have the government buy ships to carry on the foreign trade of the United States. He said he had no intention of pushing the plan to a successful completion.

Mr. Wilson said he hoped private capital would go in and buy ships, but that so far it had shown no indication of acting unless the government guaranteed the securities. He said that he would not favor such a plan.

The President declared it was not his desire to compete with private capital, but that at such a crisis it was necessary for the government to step in. He expects the administration will be in operation within two or three weeks, and thinks it can be managed in such a way as to encourage private capital. As an instance of this, he declared, the government line might be used to develop lines of trade not at present profitable.

The President indicated he had no reason for thinking the ship would not carry goods under conditions which would make them contraband.

President Wilson, Secretary Daniels and a subcommittee of the House Naval Affairs Committee conferred to-day on the various shipping bills. The suggestion was made that instead of the government organizing a new company, the Panama Railroad Company, already controlled by the government, be extended.

Other plans for fostering American shipping were little progress. The war risk bill, which failed to pass in the Senate, was voted in the House by the failure of the Rules Committee to get a quorum. Representative Alexander late introduced a bill to authorize a special rule for immediate consideration of the measure, with debate limited to one hour.

The new law opening American registry to foreign built craft on modified terms the first time since many measures passed since the outbreak of the European war awaited the President's decision as to suspension of certain sections of the navigation laws. Advises, however, came to officials to-day that fleets of the Standard Oil Company, the United Fruit Company and the United States Steel Corporation would come under American registry.

The admiralty navigation bill for organization of a Federal system of registry provides that the shippers shall be liable enough the corporation may begin busi-

### DIVISION OF PRIZES ACCORDING TO SACRIFICES

Delesse Discusses Congress of Nations Which Must Remake Europe's Map After War.

**PARIS**, August 24.—The importance of the following statement by former Foreign Minister Georges Delesse, who is perhaps the ablest spokesman in France, made to-day to the London Times and the *Courrier de l'Est*, of Rome, the latter the leading paper in Italy, is obvious:

"There are those who think the neutrality of Italy is not enough. I think the Italians themselves are the sole judges of that."

"Italy's present attitude is one of the foremost elements in the situation. It is much to gain by her refusal to join with Germany and Austria. I am certain that neither France nor England nor Russia would ever oppose the uniting of Trent to Italy. As for Trento, the consent of France and Eng-

land have already been obtained, and I believe that Russia will not object."

"This war will be a terrible one. It may be long, but it will remake the map of Europe for a century to come."

"After it a congress of nations will be held to add value to cotton warehousing, to make means of governmental inspection and arbitration of the grades of cotton stored in licensed warehouses."

"On the floor of the Senate the bill was arranged to extend the provisions to tobacco, naval stores, canned salmon, grain and flaxseed. Amendments for extension to apples, peaches and oil, wine, etc., were also made. A second amendment was placed on the bill to exempt from the operation of the grain provision those States having a State grain inspection system."

**Japanese Liner Sails for Orient.**

**SAN FRANCISCO**, August 24.—The Japanese liner *Shin'yō Maru* sailed to-day for the Orient. It is supposed she will be joined at sea and on route by the Japanese cruiser *Izumo*, which preceded her last Saturday. Some where between this port and Japan are the German cruisers *Leipzig* and *Nurnberg*.

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## BELGIAN EXPERIENCES NIGHTMARE OF HORROR

**Nation That Loves Peace, Through No Fault of Its Own, Is Enduring Agony.**

**[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]**  
**LONDON**, August 24.—The London Star has a dispatch from Ostend, saying:

"At Antwerp on Wednesday night half the shops were closed down, and all day and all night dense crowds were in the streets. The soldiers began to arrive, first in trickles and rivulets, then in a steady stream. Many of the troops were in a pitiful state. Some were barefooted, their boots discarded or torn. They were in rags, blood, dust and mud, limping in a hideous paste on their unshaven faces."

"The greater part were gay, however, and in fighting trim. Some of the cavalry, mounted on Irish horses, looked superb."

"The country people fled into the city at the rate of 50,000 a day. Hordes of wealthy and middle-class merchants and their families, the upper classes, and for others, from Tienen, Louvain and Wavre came peasants, shopkeepers, school masters and country scribes. There came, too, many wives and children of the men at the front. They brought stories of burghomasters shot because they remained unarmed at their posts of duty, of Belgian Hussars who were hanged from roadside trees, and of women who were murdered."

"Many of these stories are probably exaggerations, but there is a nation that loves peace, there is a nation that remains solidly established. The corps are there, and the ruins are there."

"One way or another, we reached Ostend, and we found this summer camp swept by panic."

"In these fragmentary notes there is the effort to convey some faint impression of the agony through which Belgium is passing. Upon a nation that loves peace, there has come a nightmare of horror."

## SHOOT THREE: ENDS LIFE

**Man Crashed Because Wife Seeks Out Warrant for His Arrest.**

**SYRACUSE**, N. Y., August 24.—Orrin Clark, of Fayetteville, N. Y., maddened because his wife had sworn to a warrant for his arrest, shot to death one of his neighbors, fatally wounded a second, shot a third and then ended his own life-to-night at his home in the village.

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